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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

My name is Michael Gallagher, and I am Executive Chairman of [The Stevie® Awards](#), organizers of the world's premier business awards competitions. They were created in 2002 to honor and generate public recognition of the achievements and positive contributions of organizations and working professionals worldwide. In short order the Stevie has become one of the world's most coveted prizes. There are nine Stevie Awards programs, each with its own focus, list of categories, and schedule. Winning a Stevie Award signifies exceptional performance, innovation, and success in one's industry. The awards not only celebrate accomplishments but also inspire others to strive for excellence and set new benchmarks. Being honored with a Stevie Award enhances an organization's reputation. It serves as a testament to the hard work, dedication, innovation, and contribution to the Industry, positioning them as leaders and influencers in their respective fields. Winning a Stevie Award can benefit companies in many ways, ranging from international media and public attention to new networking, funding, and acquisition opportunities.

The [Stevie Awards for Technology Excellence](#) celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of individuals, teams, and organizations shaping the future of technology across all industry sectors. Individuals and organizations worldwide are eligible to enter - public and private, for-profit and non-profit, large and small. More than 600 nominations from organizations in 21 nations and territories were evaluated in this year's competition. Winners were determined by the average scores of more than 100 professionals worldwide, [on 3 Judging Committees](#). The judges for these Awards are invited industry professionals who are outstanding leaders in their peer groups because of their unmatched creative and technical accomplishments. Other professionals apply to judge on the corresponding awards website, and if accepted are assigned categories by Stevie Awards staff, based on their industry, function, achievements and experience.

I am providing this letter in support of Ms. Archana Pattabhi who was a member of the [Individual & Achievement Awards Judging Committee](#) for the 2024 (1st Annual) Stevie Awards for Technology Excellence, which recognized the technology-related achievements of executives and individual persons in all industries, as well as overall achievements, since the beginning of 2022. She was asked to review 40 submissions and in fact reviewed 77. The emphasis of the evaluation criteria she used for these awards was on the overall quality of the entry: its innovation, integrity, effectiveness, creativity, and growth, etc. After the review was completed, she scored the nominee's achievements based on (a) her own experience, and (b) her understanding of how organizations and individuals in the nominee's industry performed in the eligibility time frame, given the condition of the economy in general and the nominee's industry in particular. The Stevie Awards for Technology Excellence nominees who received the highest scores from the judging committee members, including Archana, have been [published on the website here](#), and the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Stevie Awards winners in these awards were announced at an awards banquet on September 16, 2024, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York.

Archana was chosen as a judge because she is a distinguished Senior Technology Executive with a robust career spanning over 21 years, marked by expertise in Regulatory Compliance, Risk Reduction/Remediation Strategy, Business Intelligence and AI Data Insights driven Risk Quantification. An advocate for innovation and thought leadership, Archana is a sought-after keynote speaker and panelist at industry events, sharing her insights on topics ranging from AI-driven risk reduction strategies to Data Governance and Regulatory Compliance. Her expertise and strategic vision have earned her accolades for spearheading transformative initiatives across global financial institutions in the USA and Australia, and as a mentor at leading technology forums. She was certainly well-qualified to be a Stevie Awards judge, and we greatly value her invaluable contributions and insights on the above Judging Committee.

Should you have any questions regarding the participation of Ms. Archana Pattabhi as a judge, please do not hesitate to contact our Judging Coordinator, Anne White, by email (anne@stevieawards.com) or by phone (+1 914 342 3587) for additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Gallagher
Executive Chairman

